

## House Resolution 731

By: Representatives Keen of the 179<sup>th</sup>, Lane of the 167<sup>th</sup>, and Hill of the 180<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1   Expressing regret at the passing of Alfred W. Jones, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2   WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with  
3   the tragic and untimely passing of Alfred W. Jones, Jr., on Saturday, March 24, 2007; and
- 4   WHEREAS, Alfred W. Jones, Jr., was former president and chairman of the board of Sea  
5   Island Company and a long-time community leader; and
- 6   WHEREAS, born in 1930 in Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Jones was reared on Sea Island,  
7   Georgia, the oldest child of Alfred W. and Katharine Talbott Jones; and
- 8   WHEREAS, after completing prep school at Millbrook School in New York, he received a  
9   degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia in 1952 and also attended  
10   the advanced management program at Harvard University in 1972; and
- 11   WHEREAS, after serving three years as an officer in the United States Navy, he was briefly  
12   employed by Seaboard Construction Company prior to beginning his career with Sea Island  
13   Company in 1956, when he became a director and assistant to the president, A.W. Jones, Sr.;  
14   and
- 15   WHEREAS, by 1966 he had become president of Sea Island Company and in 1980 became  
16   chairman, a position he retained until his retirement in 1997 while turning the role of  
17   president over to his son, Bill Jones III, in 1993; and
- 18   WHEREAS, by the time of his death, Sea Island Company had grown to own and operate  
19   not only the Cloister, which was opened by his father and company founder Howard Coffin  
20   in 1928, but also The Lodge at Sea Island, The Lodge at Cabin Bluff, Ocean Forest Golf  
21   Club, and Frederica Golf Club, as well as a highly successful real estate division; and

1 WHEREAS, colleagues credit him with modernizing the company's business infrastructure,  
2 expanding guest accommodations and amenities, and overseeing long-range planning for the  
3 resort; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was a supporter of many civic and philanthropic causes throughout  
5 his life including the creation of the Wesley Memorial Garden and gifts of land for Wesley  
6 United Methodist Church at Frederica, Christian Renewal Church, and Frederica  
7 Presbyterian Church, among others; and

8 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of 51 years, Betty Macdonald Jones; their three  
9 children, Ann Jones Gregg of St. Simons Island; Bill Jones III of St. Simons Island; and Jim  
10 Jones of St. Simons Island and New York; three grandchildren, two sisters, and ten nieces  
11 and nephews; and

12 WHEREAS, the untimely passing of this generous, kind, and devoted family man leaves an  
13 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of  
16 Alfred W. Jones, Jr., and recognize the warm, wonderful spirit of this man expressed in his  
17 lifetime by the numerous contributions he made to his community, all of southeast Georgia,  
18 and the entire state.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Alfred W.  
21 Jones, Jr.